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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEMINAR NOMINATION

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EMBASSY NOMINATES PROF. ANDRE F. JEAN, CHIEF INSPECTOR
OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM. BIO-DATA AND JUSTIFICATION FOLLOW:

1. NAME: ANDRE F. JEAN
2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SECONDARY
EDUCATION, SINCE 1975; INSPECTOR FROM MARCH 1974 TO
MARCH 1975; PROFESSOR OF LATIN AND SPANISH AT LYCEE
DE CENT-CINQUANTENAIRE, 1947 TO PRESENT; DIRECTOR OF
INSTITUTE OF LIVING LANGUAGES (ENGLISH-SPANISH).
3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN JUNE 18, 1924 IN PORT AU PRINCE;
HAITIAN CITIZENSHIP SINCE BIRTH; MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN.
4. TRAVEL: A) UNESCO CONFERENCE ON 25 LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, PARIS, SEPT 1975; B) OAS CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE, EDUCATION, CULTURE, SAN SALVADOR,
JANUARY, 1976; C) OTHER OFFICIAL VISITS TO MEXICO, JAMAICA,
CANADA, BAHAMAS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

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5. PREVIOUS USG GRANT: 1964-65, INTERNATIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT
GRANT, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON.
6. ESCORT REQUIRED.
7. TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY: CONFIRMED.

8. EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM LYCEE ALEXANDRE PETION IN 1946; LAW DEGREE FROM FACULTE DE DROIT, PORT AU PRINCE, IN 1949.

9. LANGUAGES: FLUENT IN SPANISH, FRENCH, CREOLE, AND SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH.

10. JUSTIFICATION:

MR ANDRE JEAN HAS BEEN AN EDUCATOR VIRTUALLY ALL HIS ADULT LIFE. AS A SENIOR OFFICIAL AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HE HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF SUPERIORS AND PEERS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM. THE BRAIN DRAIN IS ONE OF HAITI'S MOST SERIOUS EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS, WITH THE COUNTRY'S SCHOOLS PREPARING GREAT NUMBERS OF TECHNICIANS, DOCTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO LATER LEAVE TO WORK FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. THE DEAN OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS CONSIDERED THE CREATION OF SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM PROGRAMS TO PREPARE PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL TO HELP MEET HEALTH NEEDS IN RURAL AREAS. THE NOMINEE WAS RECENTLY DESIGNATED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF HAITIAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO TRAVEL ABROAD (PRINCIPALLY THE UNITED STATES) FOR MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WHO OFTEN FAIL TO RETURN TO HAITI TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING ITS DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS. THE MINISTRY HAS CONSIDERED CREATING A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION SIMILAR TO THE U.S. JUNIOR COLLEGE, BUT LACKS PRACTICAL, FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYSTEM. MR. ANDRE WOULD THEREFORE SEEK TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THROUGH CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS EVALUATE THE EXPERIENCE OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD.

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